

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF CHERYL KIMBALL

**HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 10, 2023*

Mr. WITTMAN, Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Cheryl Kimball and her service to Virginia's First District and the Nation.

Prior to joining my office, Cheryl spent over a decade working on Capitol Hill.

She came to D.C. in 1988 to work for Senator Bennett Johnston from her home state of Louisiana. In the subsequent years, she worked for the Senate Commerce Committee and Senate Committee on Foreign Relations as well as Congressman John Mica from Florida.

Cheryl joined my Stafford office in July 2016 as a District Representative and served in that role until December 2022. She contributed tremendously to providing the best constituent service in the Commonwealth and the Nation, helping countless constituents with their problems. She also effectively represented myself, my team, and my work throughout the Fredericksburg region and the First District. Her work has been invaluable.

I would like to thank Cheryl for her contributions and dedicated service over the last 6 years. Overall, she has nearly 20 years of federal service. She has been a key member of my district office team, and I wish her the best as she enters her well-deserved retirement.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in recognizing Cheryl Kimball for her service to Virginia's First District and the Nation. May God bless Cheryl in whatever she decides to do next.

### INTRODUCTION OF CLEAN WATER SRF PARITY ACT

**HON. JOHN GARAMENDI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 10, 2023*

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, today I reintroduce the "Clean Water SRF Parity Act," with Congressman MIKE BOST (R-IL).

This legislation would make nonprofit cooperatives and publicly regulated utilities operating wastewater treatment plants eligible under the Clean Water Act's State Revolving (Loan) Funds. These same entities are already eligible under the Safe Drinking Water Act's State Revolving (Loan) Funds and, by extension, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) revolving loan fund.

For 2022, California's State Water Resources Control Board awarded \$2.7 billion for drinking water and wastewater treatment projects. According to most recent Clean Watersheds Needs Survey, California needs an estimated \$26.2 billion in federal, state, and

local investment for wastewater treatment, wastewater recycling, and stormwater pollution prevention infrastructure over the next 20 years. This includes an estimated \$24.4 billion needed to modernize aging water infrastructure across the state.

Under the federal Clean Water Act, each state capitalizes its own State Revolving (Loan) Fund to provide public financing and grants for wastewater, water reuse, stormwater, and surface water pollution reduction projects to keep our nation's waterways clean. Since this public financing is paid back with interest to help recapitalize each State's State Revolving (Loan) Funds, there is no net cost to American taxpayers.

Our bill restricts eligibility for publicly regulated utilities to the amounts greater than the \$1,638,826,000 appropriated for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund program in fiscal years 2020 and 2021. That way, we ensure that this new eligibility for nonprofit cooperatives and publicly regulated utilities does not come at the cost of municipally owned utilities and public projects under the program.

As a senior member of the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, which authorizes all Clean Water Act programs, I strongly support increased federal funding for the State Revolving Fund program. The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (Public Law 117-58), of which I am an original cosponsor, provided more than \$11.7 billion in new federal funding for the Clean Water State Revolving Funds nationwide.

With enactment of the "Clean Water SRF Parity Act," I expect the National Association of Water Companies, Council of Infrastructure Financing Authorities, Utility Workers Union of America (AFL-CIO), and American Public Works Association to advocate for increased federal funding for the Clean Water State Revolving Funds each year.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage all Members of the House to cosponsor this bipartisan, non-controversial bill.

### RECOGNIZING WILLIAM "BILL" HAROLD PRESTAGE

**HON. GREGORY F. MURPHY**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 10, 2023*

Mr. MURPHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to William "Bill" Harold Prestage of Clinton, North Carolina, to honor all that he has done to benefit North Carolina and our great nation.

Bill was born in Kalamazoo, Michigan on June 15, 1935, to Richard and Lorraine Prestage. Bill graduated from Lakeview High School in Battle Creek, Michigan in 1955 and later attended Western Michigan University. In 1960, Bill, his wife, and their kids moved to South Carolina so Bill could start his new job selling Master Mix feeds for Central Soya. Despite having no agriculture experience, Bill

quickly proved to be a natural salesman and was awarded Central Soya's coveted "Wildcat" sales award. Bill then moved to North Carolina to service a larger sales area, which led to him meeting Otis Carroll who owned a feed mill. Bill and Mr. Carroll became friends and eventually became partners in what became known as Carroll's Foods. Carroll's Foods was a huge success as it revolutionized the turkey and hog industry by adapting new techniques that would lead to the concept that we now call vertical integration.

After Otis Carroll passed away in 1981, Bill sold his share in the business to the Carroll family. In 1983, Bill and his family started Prestage Farms in Harrells, North Carolina with 22 employees and 18 contract growers. Bill and his team were able to expand his newly found family business to become 1 of the largest family-owned and family-operated animal protein production companies in the nation. Currently, the Prestage family of companies has 5 divisions across 7 different states with 3 processing plants and provides employment to nearly 2,500 people and holds contracts with over 450 family farms. 5 of Bill's grandchildren have joined the company and are learning the ropes of the business from Bill and Marsha's 3 brilliant sons.

Bill had a deep appreciation for all his employees and contract growers that he got to know throughout his life, and he always made sure they were recognized for all their hard work. These individuals served as the foundation of the business and helped make Prestage Farms what it is today.

Bill was inducted into the North Carolina Poultry federation Hall of Fame in 2003 and into the North Carolina Pork Council Hall of Fame in 2005. In addition, Bill chaired the North Carolina Agricultural Foundation Board, served on the Vet Med Foundation Board and served as president of the National Turkey Federation.

Bill and Marsha were both recognized with the Menscer Cup, which is North Carolina State University Foundation's highest award for philanthropy, dedication and leadership. Bill and Marsha were recognized with this prestigious award after donating millions of dollars to North Carolina State University, which would go towards supporting research, teaching, and other programs provided by the university.

Bill had a love for the outdoors and had a passion for promoting conservation efforts. Some of his hobbies included upland bird hunting, boating, and fishing. Bill married to his caring and loving wife and business partner, Marsha, for 68 years. Bill and Marsha had 3 sons, Ronald, Scott, and John Prestage. Bill was known as "Poppy" to his 9 grandchildren, Kate Prestage Poplin, Zach Prestage, Max Prestage, Billy Prestage, Stephanie Prestage, Dr. Kay I in Prestage, Ben Prestage, Bill Prestage, and Vanna Prestage; and 3 great-grandchildren Charlotte and Claire Poplin, and Marsha Prestage.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring the incredible life of Mr. William "Bill" Harold

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